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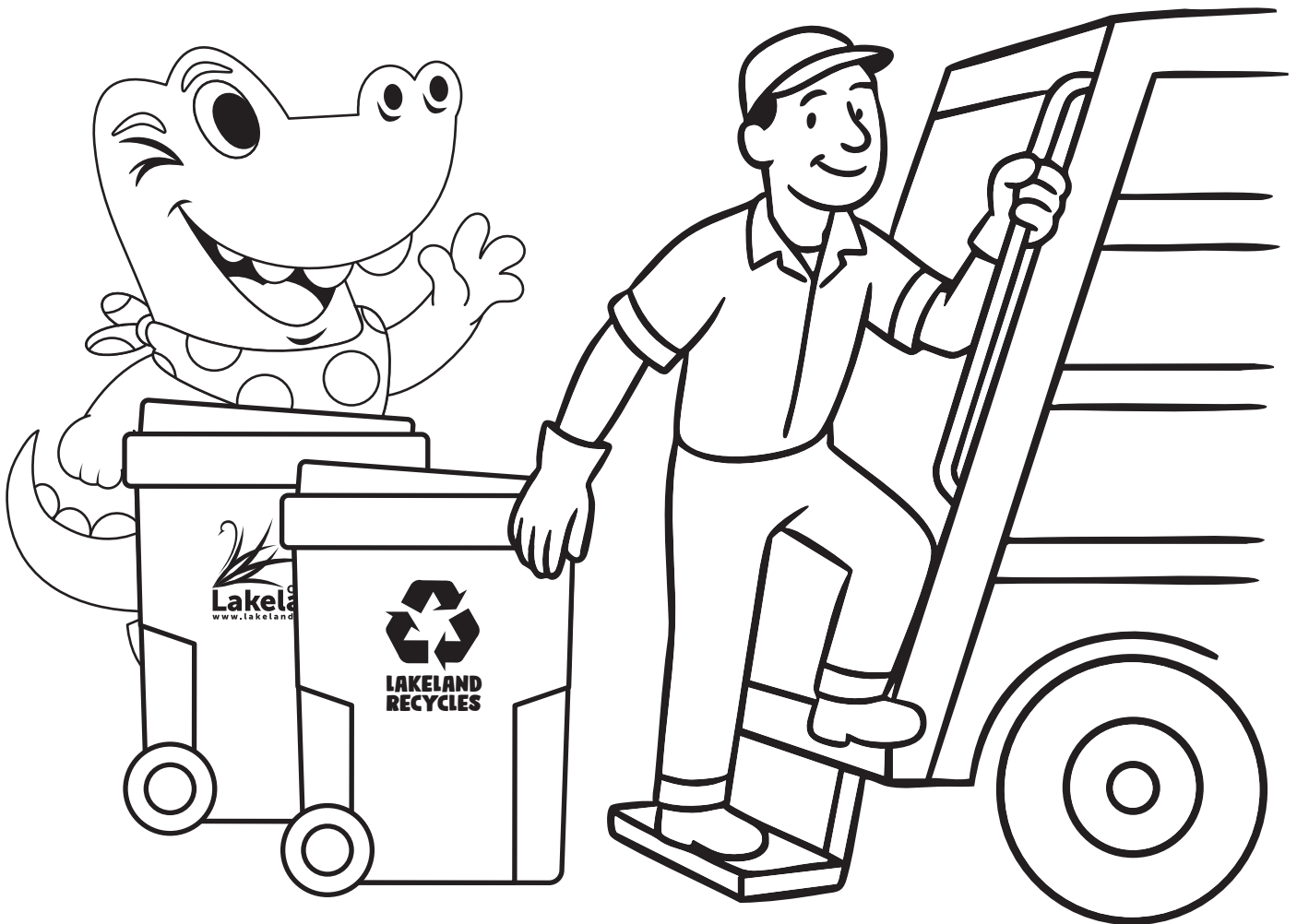


CITY RECYCLING GUIDE

WHERE DOES THE GARBAGE GO?

When we throw something in the garbage, it goes to a **LANDFILL**: a special piece of land made to hold trash safely. Workers cover the garbage with dirt to keep smells down and protect nature.

Landfills can fill up fast. That's why it's important to **REDUCE, REUSE** and **RECYCLE** when we can. By throwing away less, we help keep Lakeland clean now and in the future.



RECYCLING means turning old things into new things! When we recycle clean and empty items like bottles, cans, and cardboard, they get taken to a factory where they're made into something brand new.

WHY DO WE HAVE TWO SOLID WASTE CANS?

In Lakeland, we use two carts to take care of our waste:

BLUE CART is for **RECYCLING**

Clean, dry, and empty items like:

Plastic bottles
Metal cans
Glass jars
Cardboard & paper

GREEN CART is for **GARBAGE**

Items that can't be recycled, like:

Food scraps
Plastic bags
Styrofoam
Dirty or wet paper

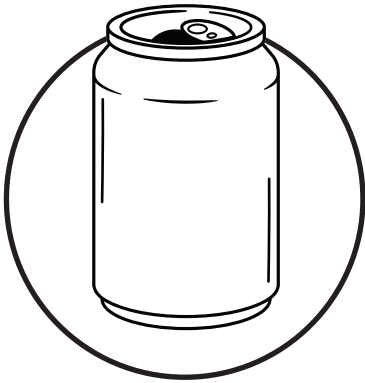
Our amazing **SOLID WASTE** team collects both carts each week.
When we all sort our stuff the right way, we help protect the planet and keep Lakeland beautiful!



WHAT CAN WE RECYCLE?

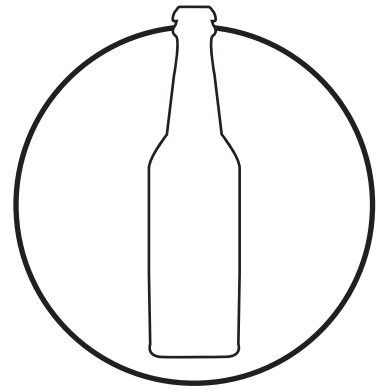
Not all trash can be recycled. Things like bottles, cans, and boxes can be made into something new. But items like plastic bags or dirty food containers can ruin the whole batch.

Recycling only works when we do it right—so always check what belongs in the bin!



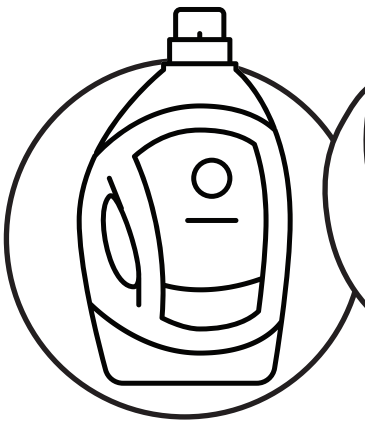
METAL

Clean and empty aluminum and metal cans and containers



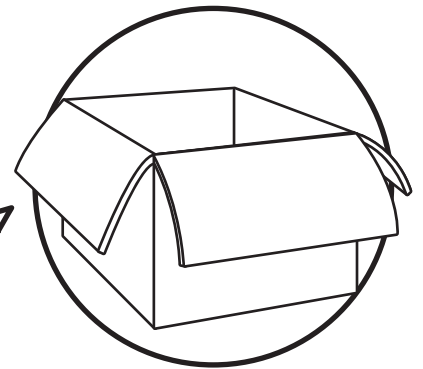
GLASS

Clean and empty bottles and jars of any color



PLASTIC

Clean and empty food and beverage containers, detergent bottles



PAPER & CARDBOARD

Flattened cardboard, cereal boxes, newspapers, junk mail, magazines

HOW DO WE RECYCLE?

Every time we recycle, we help save energy, protect natural resources, and reduce landfill waste. Lakeland's Solid Waste team collects thousands of carts each week. Only put clean, empty, and dry items in your blue cart; like plastic bottles, glass jars, metal cans, and cardboard.

Can you **DRAW A LINE** to the correct bin to **SORT** the items?



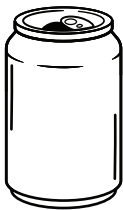
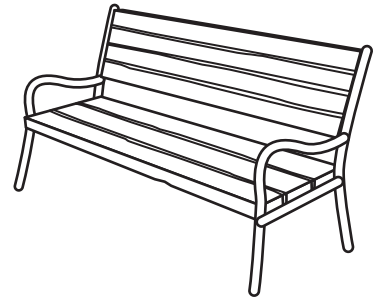
WHAT CAN RECYCLING BECOME?

When you recycle something, it doesn't go to the landfill, it gets a second life!

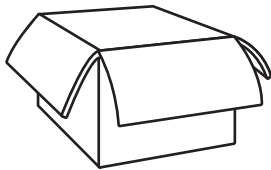
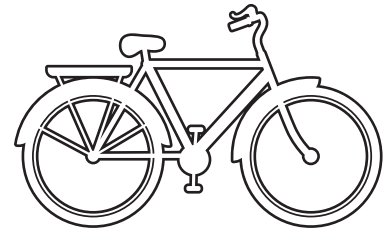
Recycling helps save energy, protect natural resources, and create new things we use every day.



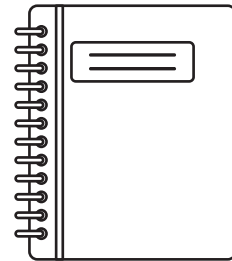
A **PLASTIC BOTTLE** can become a **PARK BENCH**.



A **SODA CAN** might turn into a shiny new **BIKE**.

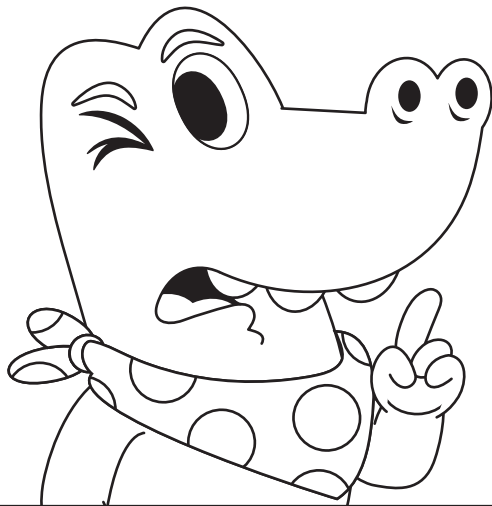


A **CARDBOARD BOX** could come back as a **SCHOOL NOTEBOOK**.

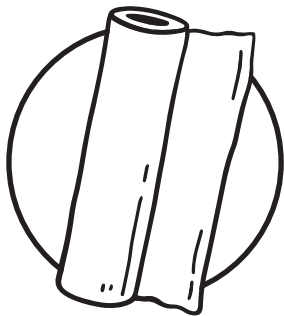


A glass jar can be melted down and made into a **NEW BOTTLE**!





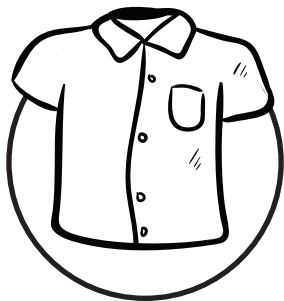
WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE?



REDUCE

TO USE LESS OF SOMETHING.

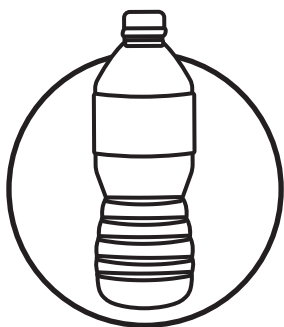
*I can **REDUCE** the amount of paper towels I use by using a hand towel instead.*



REUSE

TO USE SOMETHING AGAIN.

*I can donate my clothes when they get too small so someone can **REUSE** them.*



RECYCLE

TO MAKE NEW ITEMS FROM OLD ONES.

*I can **RECYCLE** my water bottle at the park by tossing it into a recycling bin.*

RECYCLING WORD SEARCH

These are things you might put in your blue recycling cart at home. Look for them hidden in the puzzle below



B	O	M	F	B	B	Y	S	P	L	A	S	T	I	C
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C	A	U	Q	H	O	H	S	G	I	D	W	O	E	F
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S	Q	F	R	G	H	D	S	S	K	I	H	E	R	N

Paper
Plastic
Cans
Bottles
Newspaper
Milk Jugs
Aluminum
Boxes
Glass Jars
Cereal Box
Coupons
Books
Magazines
Cardboard
Foil



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